

MONTHLY TRADE UPDATE

MAY 2000 U.S. Foreign Trade Developments (Released July 19, 2000)

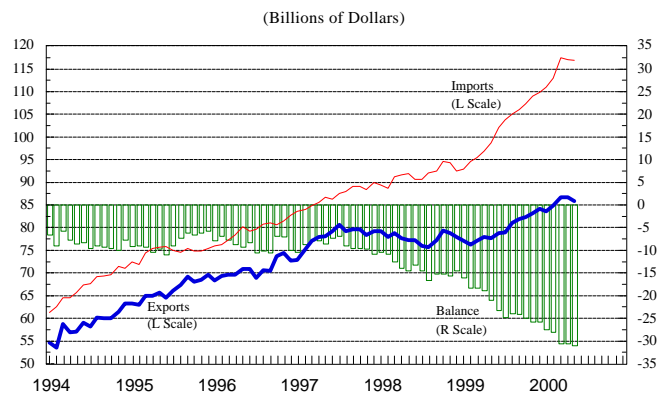
Goods and Services

Exports declined \$0.8 billion in May to \$85.7 billion. Year to date, exports were up 10.7 percent from the same period a year ago.

Imports declined \$0.3 billion to \$116.8 billion. Year to date, imports were up 20.2 percent from the same period a year ago.

The **trade deficit** for May was \$31.0 billion, \$0.5 billion wider than April's revised total of \$30.5 billion. In 1999, the trade deficit was \$265.0 billion, or \$22.1 billion per month.

U.S. INTERNATIONAL TRADE



Merchandise: Merchandise exports decreased \$0.6 billion in May and imports were down \$0.3 billion. As a result, the merchandise deficit worsened to \$37.2 billion from a revised \$36.9 billion in April.

Merchandise exports have increased 12.2 percent compared with the same period last year. Merchandise imports increased 21.6 percent, compared to January/May 1999, and the deficit is \$431.8 billion (annual rate) compared with \$303.9 billion a year ago.

Services: Services exports were down \$0.2 billion in May, 1.0 percent lower than in April (revised) and imports were up fractionally to \$17.6 billion. The May surplus was \$6.1 billion, down \$0.3 billion from April.

On a year-to-date basis, services exports grew 7.1 percent, compared with a 12.5 percent increase in services imports. The services trade surplus was \$77.2 billion (annual rate) compared with \$81.6 billion a year ago.

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TRADE SUMMARY
(Billions of Dollars, Percent Change)

| | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | Yr-to-date May-1999 | Yr-to-date May-2000 | Yr-to-date Percent/\$ Change. |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Total Exports | 936.9 | 933.0 | 956.2 | 385.9 | 427.4 | 10.7% |
| Goods Exports | 679.7 | 670.3 | 684.4 | 274.7 | 308.3 | 12.2% |
| Services Exports | 257.2 | 262.7 | 271.9 | 111.2 | 119.1 | 7.1% |
| Total Imports | 1042.9 | 1099.9 | 1221.2 | 478.6 | 575.1 | 20.2% |
| Goods Imports | 876.4 | 917.2 | 1029.9 | 401.3 | 488.2 | 21.6% |
| Services Imports | 166.5 | 182.7 | 191.3 | 77.3 | 86.9 | 12.5% |
| Total Balance | -105.9 | -166.9 | -265.0 | -92.6 | -147.7 | -55.1 |
| Goods Balance | -196.7 | -246.9 | -345.6 | -126.6 | -179.9 | -53.3 |
| Services Balance | 90.7 | 80.0 | 80.6 | 34.0 | 32.2 | -1.8 |

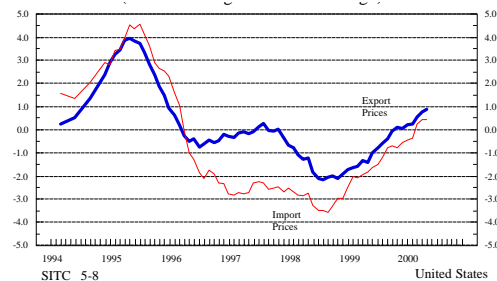
Prices of Internationally Traded Goods

In April, prices **of manufactured** goods exports were up 0.9 percent from a year ago. Prices of imported manufactured goods were up 0.5 percent.

Prices of **agricultural commodities** for export have increased 1.2 percent in the last 12 months, while prices of agricultural imports were down 2.6 percent.

Prices of crude petroleum were 88 percent above a year ago.

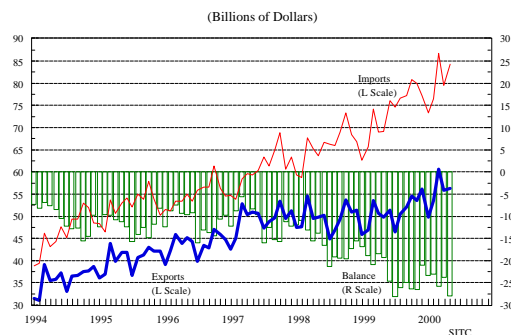
**EXPORT AND IMPORT PRICES OF
U.S. MANUFACTURED GOODS**



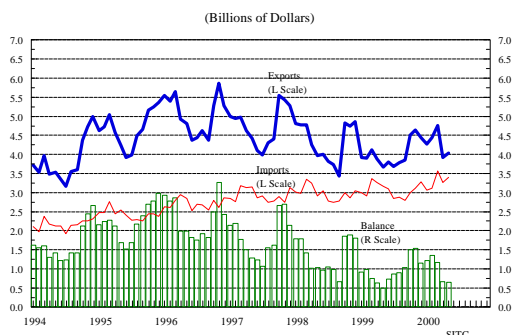
Industry Analysis: U.S. international trade has worsened in 2000 (January/May) from a year ago, with close to half of the deterioration in energy products and half in manufacturing. The agriculture surplus is improving, though it remains at a low level. Large increases in the trade deficit have occurred in motor vehicles, aircraft, apparel, and telecommunications equipment. The surplus in specialized industrial machinery is improving.

Manufactures: Year to date, manufactured goods exports totaled \$276.4 billion, up 12.0 percent from a year ago, while imports were \$400.0 billion, up 17.5 percent. The deficit in manufactures, thus far this year, was \$296.7 billion (annual rate) compared with \$225.3 billion a year ago.

MANUFACTURED GOODS



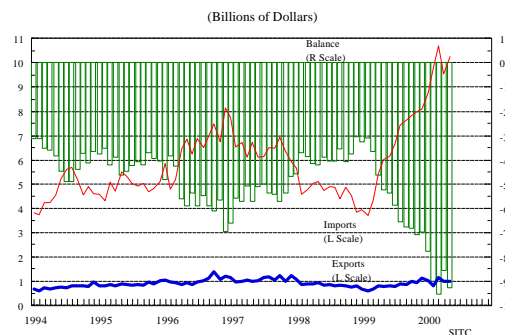
AGRICULTURAL GOODS



Agriculture: Year to date, agricultural goods exports totaled \$21.5 billion, up 10.2 percent from a year ago, while imports were \$16.4 billion, up 4.6 percent. The surplus in agricultural trade, thus far this year, was \$12.1 billion compared with \$9.1 billion a year ago.

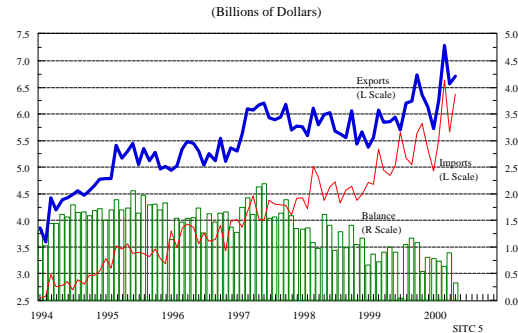
Mineral Fuels: Year to date, exports of mineral fuels totaled \$5.0 billion, up 39.7 percent from a year ago, while imports were \$49.1 billion, up 109.8 percent. The trade deficit (annual rate), thus far this year, was \$106.0 billion compared with \$47.7 billion in the same period a year ago.

MINERAL FUELS

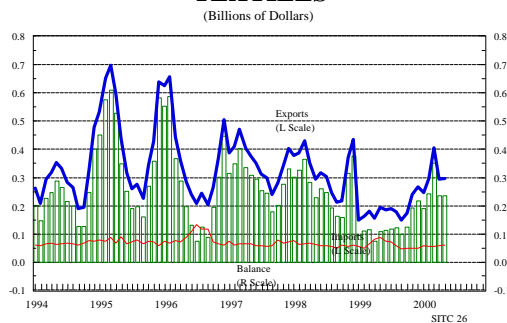


Chemicals: Year to date, exports totaled \$32.5 billion, up 13.3 percent from a year ago, while imports were \$29.1 billion, up 18.7 percent. The surplus was \$8.1 billion, at an annual rate, compared with \$10.0 billion from a year ago.

CHEMICALS



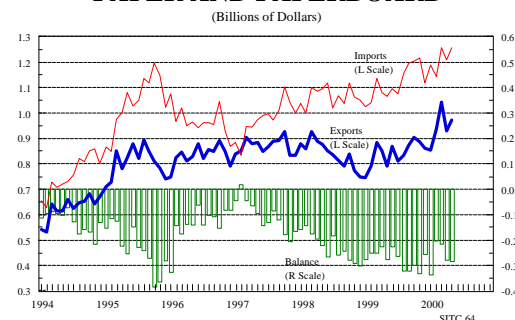
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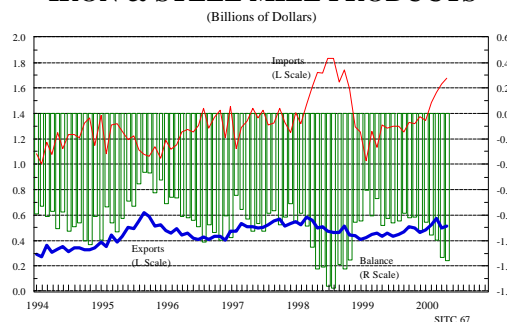
Textiles: Year to date, exports totaled \$1.5 billion, up 82.2 percent from a year ago, while imports were \$0.3 billion, down 16.8 percent. The trade surplus, thus far this year, was \$3.0 billion, compared with \$1.2 billion a year ago.

Paper and Paperboard: Year to date, exports totaled \$4.7 billion up 16.6 percent from a year ago, while imports were \$6.1 billion, up 13.3 percent. The trade deficit (annual rate), thus far this year, was \$3.2 billion compared with \$3.1 billion a year ago.

PAPER AND PAPERBOARD

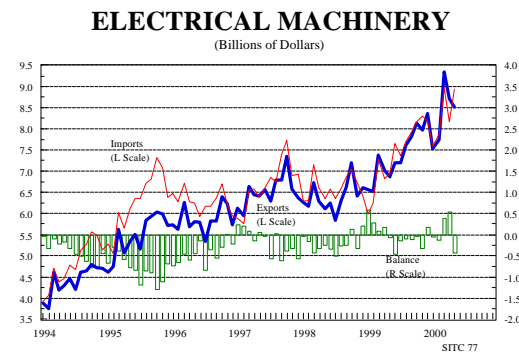


IRON & STEEL MILL PRODUCTS

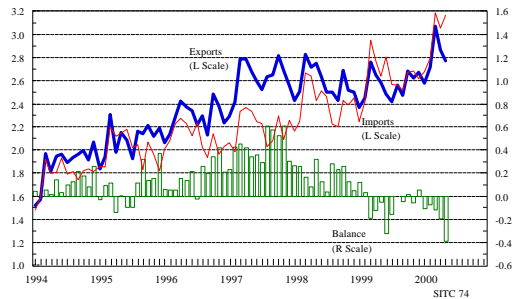


Iron & Steel Mill Products: Year to date, exports totaled \$2.6 billion, up 19.4 percent from a year ago, while imports were \$7.7 billion, up 28.8 percent. The trade deficit (annual rate) thus far this year was \$12.2 billion compared with \$9.1 billion a year ago.

Electrical Machinery: Year to date, exports totaled \$41.8 billion, up 21.7 percent from a year ago, while imports were \$41.5 billion, up 24.7 percent. Trade was in surplus of \$0.7 billion (annual rate) thus far in 2000, compared with a surplus of \$2.5 billion a year ago.



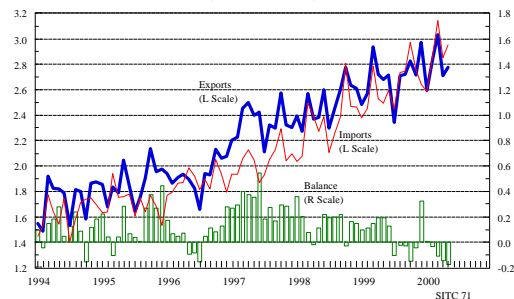
GENERAL INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY
(Billions of Dollars)



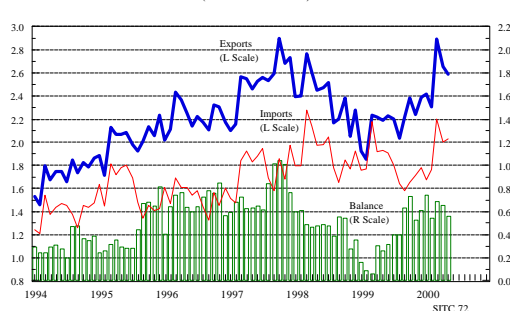
General Industrial Machinery: Year to date, exports totaled \$14.0 billion, up 9.3 percent from a year ago, while imports were \$14.9 billion, up 14.3 percent. Trade was in deficit \$2.1 billion (annual rate) thus far in 2000, compared with a deficit of \$0.5 billion a year ago.

Power Generating Machinery: Year to date, exports totaled \$14.0 billion up 4.3 percent from a year ago, while imports were \$14.4 billion, up 14.0 percent. Trade was in deficit \$1.1 billion (annual rate) thus far in 2000, compared with a surplus of \$1.8 billion a year ago.

POWER GENERATING MACHINERY
(Billions of Dollars)



SPECIALIZED INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY
(Billions of Dollars)

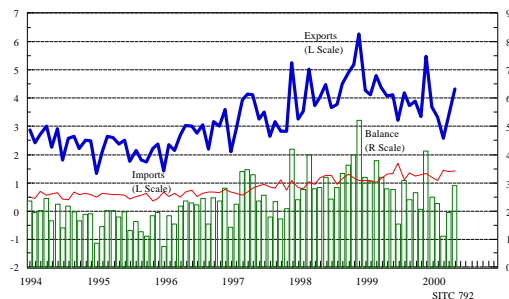


Specialized Industrial Machinery: Year to date, exports totaled \$12.9 billion, up 23.4 percent from a year ago, while imports were \$9.7 billion, up 1.3 percent. Trade was in surplus \$7.7 billion (annual rate) thus far in 2000, compared with a surplus of \$2.1 billion a year ago.

Motor Cars: Year to date, exports totaled \$7.9 billion, up 3.0 percent from a year ago, while imports were \$45.1 billion, up 16.4 percent. Trade was in deficit \$89.3 billion (annual rate) thus far in 2000, compared with \$74.6 billion a year ago.

AIRCRAFT AND PARTS

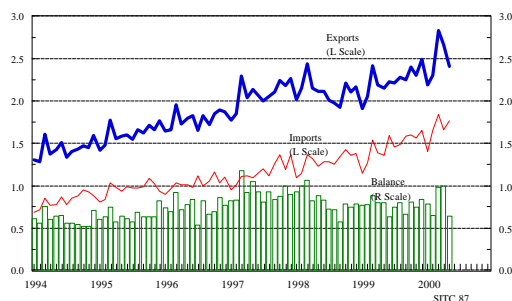
(Billions of Dollars)



ADP Machines and Parts: Year to date, exports totaled \$11.6 billion, up 12.3 percent from a year ago, while imports were \$20.7 billion, up 12.5 percent. Trade was in deficit \$21.8 billion (annual rate) thus far in 2000, compared with \$19.3 billion a year ago.

SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS

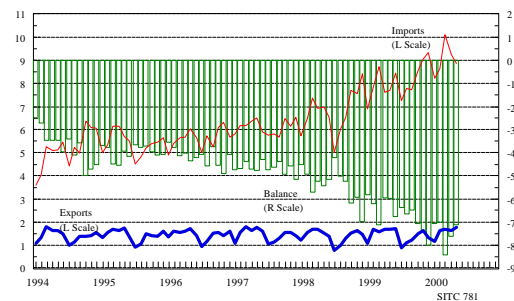
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Scientific Instruments: Year to date, exports totaled \$12.4 billion, up 15.5 percent from a year ago, while imports were \$8.3 billion, up 24.4 percent. Trade was in surplus \$9.7 billion (annual rate) thus far in 2000, compared with \$9.7 billion a year ago.

MOTOR CARS

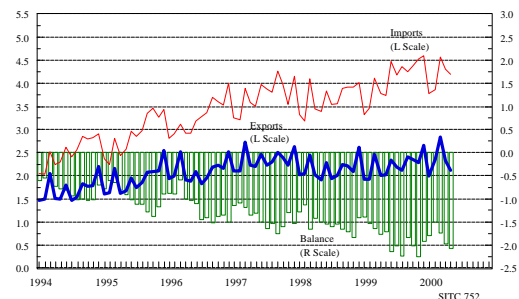
(Billions of Dollars)



Aircraft and Parts: Year to date, exports totaled \$17.2 billion, down 20.3 percent from a year ago while imports were \$6.5 billion, up 16.1 percent. Trade was in surplus \$25.7 billion (annual rate) thus far in 2000, compared with \$38.4 billion a year ago.

ADP MACHINES AND PARTS

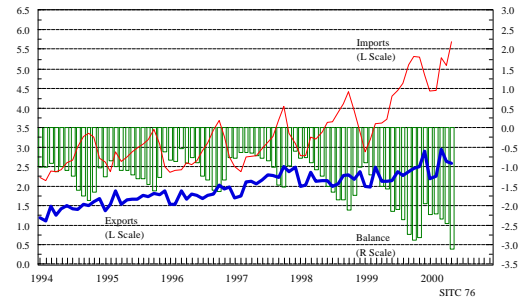
(Billions of Dollars)



Telecommunications: Year to date, exports totaled \$12.6 billion, up 18.0 percent from a year ago, while imports were \$25.0 billion, up 46.9 percent. Trade was in deficit \$29.6 billion (annual rate) thus far in 2000, compared with \$15.1 billion a year ago.

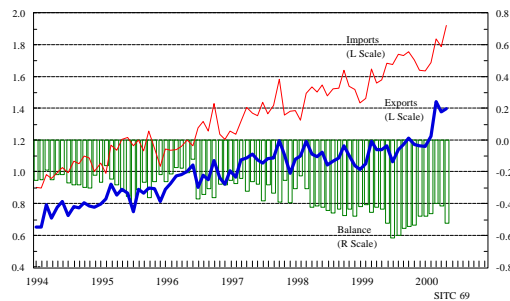
TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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METAL MANUFACTURES

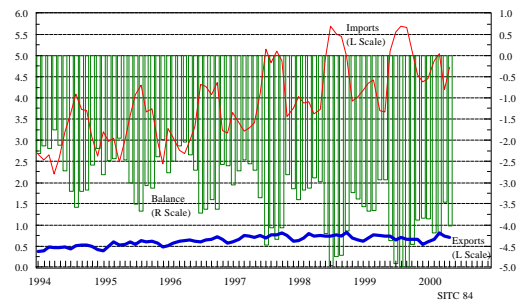
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Metal Manufactures: Year to date, exports totaled \$6.6 billion, up 18.9 percent from a year ago, while imports were \$8.9 billion, up 15.5 percent. Trade was in deficit \$5.4 billion (annual rate) thus far in 2000, compared with \$5.1 billion a year ago.

APPAREL

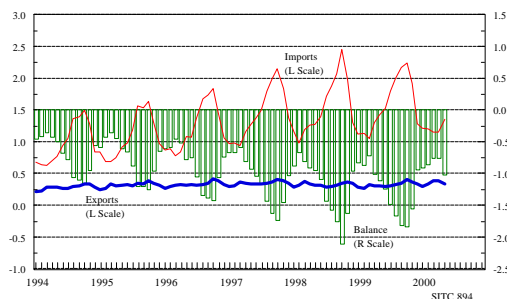
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Apparel: Year to date, exports totaled \$3.6 billion, down 1.5 percent from a year ago, while imports were \$23.3 billion, up 14.6 percent. Trade was in deficit \$47.4 billion (annual rate) so far this year, compared with \$40.2 billion a year ago.

TOYS, GAMES, & SPORTING GOODS

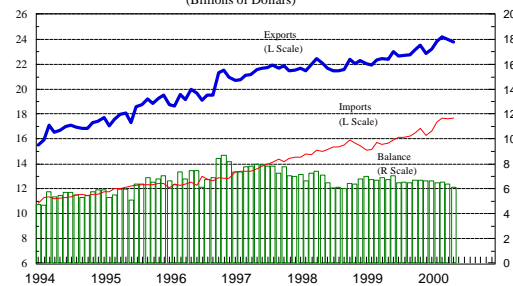
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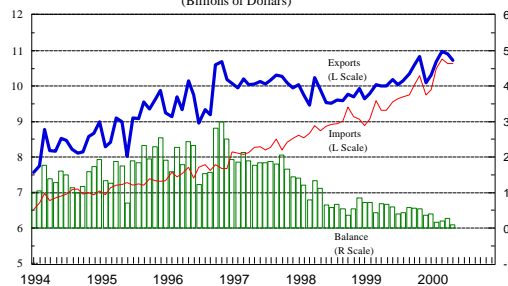
Toys, Games, and Sporting Goods: Year to date, exports totaled \$1.8 billion, up 16.0 percent from a year ago, while imports were \$6.1 billion, up 0.4 percent. Trade was in deficit \$10.4 billion (annual rate) thus far in 2000, compared with \$10.9 billion a year ago.

Services: Year to date, exports totaled \$119.1 billion, up 7.1 percent from a year ago, while imports were \$86.9 billion, up 12.5 percent. The trade surplus was \$77.2 billion (annual rate) thus far in 2000. This compares with \$81.6 billion in the same period last year.

U.S. SERVICES TRADE
(Billions of Dollars)



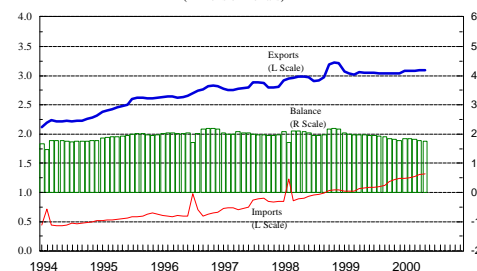
U.S. TRADE IN TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT
(Billions of Dollars)



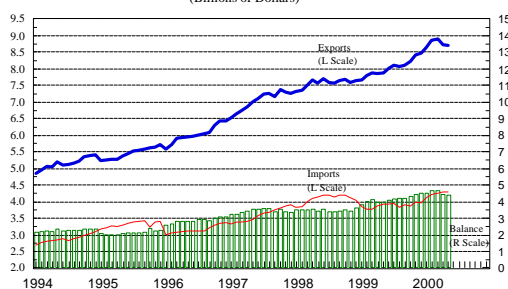
Travel & Transportation: Year to date, exports totaled \$53.6 billion up 8.4 percent from a year ago, while imports were \$52.4 billion, up 13.5 percent. The trade surplus was \$2.8 billion (annual rate) thus far in 2000. This compares with \$7.9 billion in the same period last year.

Royalties: Year to date, exports totaled \$15.4 billion, up 1.4 percent from a year ago, while imports were \$6.4 billion, up 22.8 percent. The trade surplus was \$21.6 billion (annual rate) thus far in 2000. This compares with the \$24.0 billion in the same period last year.

U.S. TRADE IN ROYALTIES & LICENSE FEES
(Billions of Dollars)



U.S. TRADE IN BUSINESS SERVICES
(Billions of Dollars)

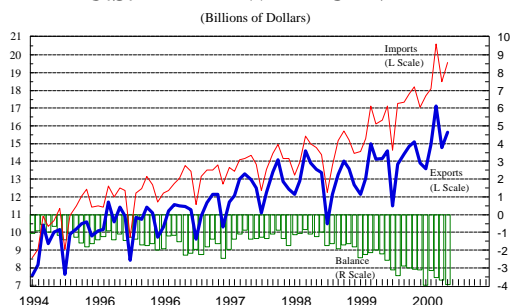


Business Services: Year to date, exports totaled \$43.9 billion, up 12.1 percent from a year ago, while imports were \$21.2 billion, up 10.5 percent. The trade surplus was \$54.3 billion (annual rate) thus far in 2000. This compares with \$47.8 billion in the same period last year.

Country Analysis: Western Hemisphere

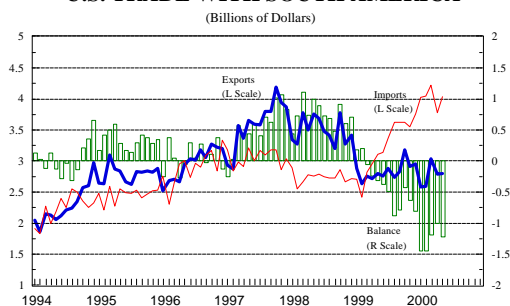
Western Hemisphere: Year to date, exports totaled \$142.7 billion, up 15.7 percent from a year ago, while imports were \$177.0 billion, up 23.7 percent. The trade deficit was \$82.3 billion (annual rate) thus far in 2000. This compares with \$47.3 billion in the same period last year.

U.S. TRADE WITH CANADA

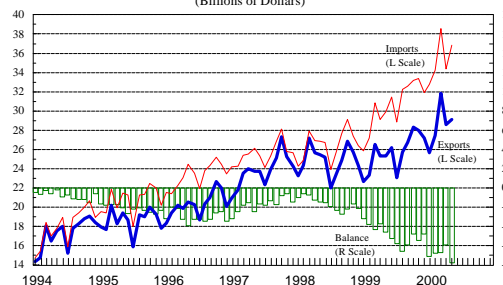


Mexico: Year to date, exports totaled \$43.9 billion, up 36.1 percent from a year ago, while imports were \$53.5 billion, up 27.3 percent. The trade deficit was \$23.1 billion (annual rate), compared with \$23.5 billion this time last year.

U.S. TRADE WITH SOUTH AMERICA

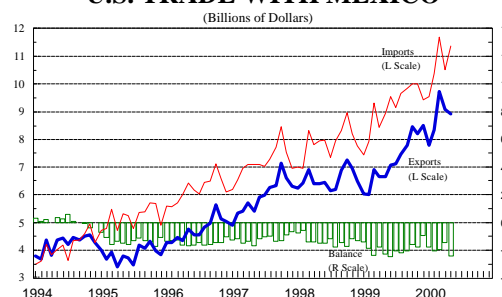


U.S. TRADE WITH WESTERN HEMISPHERE



Canada: Year to date, exports totaled \$76.0 billion, up 11.1 percent from a year ago, while imports were \$94.5 billion, up 19.0 percent. The trade deficit was \$44.3 billion (annual rate) thus far in 2000. This compares with \$26.3 billion in the same period last year.

U.S. TRADE WITH MEXICO

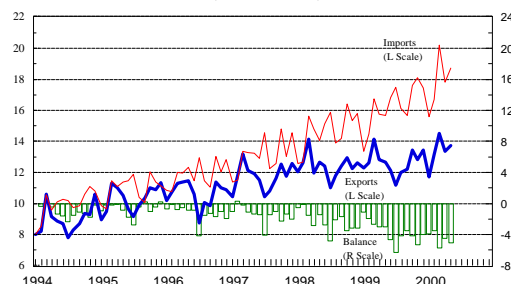


South America: Year to date, exports totaled \$13.8 billion, up 0.1 percent from a year ago, while imports were \$20.1 billion, up 43.5 percent. The trade deficit was \$15.1 billion (annual rate), compared with a deficit of \$0.5 billion this time last year.

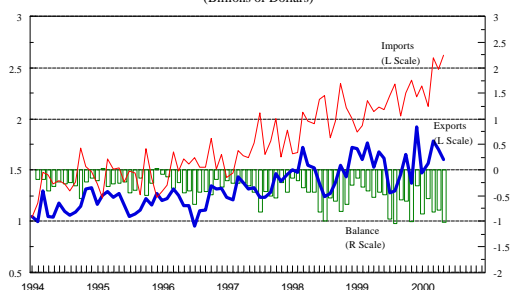
Country Analysis: Europe

European Union: Year to date, exports totaled \$66.5 billion, up 3.0 percent from a year ago, while imports were \$89.0 billion, up 17.0 percent. The trade deficit was \$54.0 billion (annual rate), compared with \$27.6 billion this time last year.

U.S. TRADE WITH EUROPEAN UNION
(Billions of Dollars)

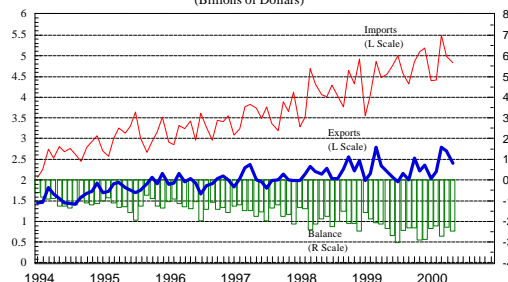


U.S. TRADE WITH FRANCE
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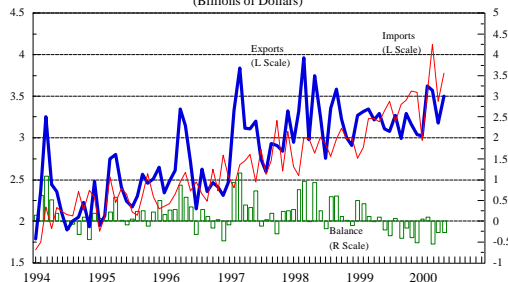
France: Year to date, exports totaled \$8.1 billion, down 2.0 percent from a year ago, while imports were \$12.1 billion, up 19.5 percent. The trade deficit was \$9.7 billion (annual rate), compared with \$4.5 billion this time last year.

U.S. TRADE WITH GERMANY
(Billions of Dollars)



Germany: Year to date, exports totaled \$12.1 billion, up 5.7 percent from a year ago, while imports were \$24.1 billion, up 12.3 percent. The trade deficit was \$28.7 billion (annual rate), compared with \$24.0 billion this time last year.

U.S. TRADE WITH UNITED KINGDOM
(Billions of Dollars)

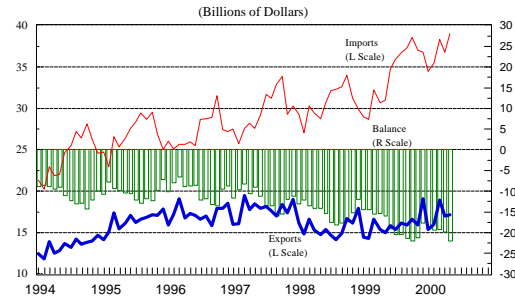


United Kingdom: Year to date, exports totaled \$16.9 billion up 2.8 percent from a year ago, while imports were \$17.8 billion, up 16.5 percent. The trade deficit was \$2.3 billion (annual rate), compared with a \$2.7 billion surplus a year ago.

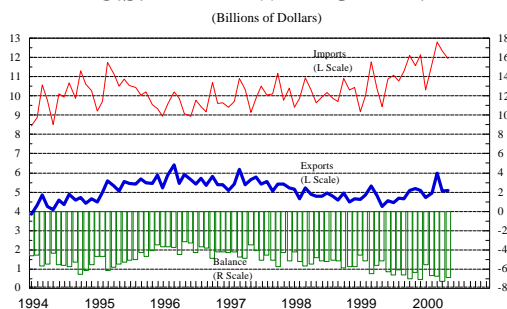
Country Analysis: Asia

Asia: Year to date, exports totaled \$84.5 billion, up 11.4 percent from a year ago, while imports were \$183.8 billion, up 21.3 percent. The trade deficit was \$238.4 billion (annual rate) thus far in 2000. This compares with \$181.7 billion in the same period last year.

U.S. TRADE WITH ASIA

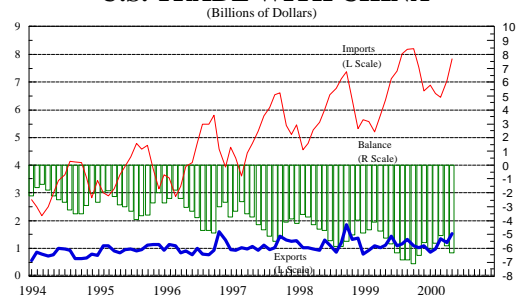


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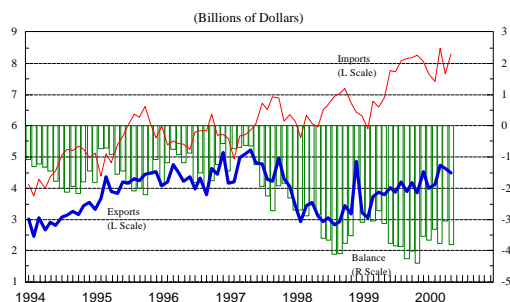
Japan: Year to date, exports totaled \$25.8 billion, up 8.2 percent from a year ago, while import were \$59.2 billion, up 16.3 percent. The trade deficit was \$80.2 billion (annual rate) thus far in 2000. This compares with \$65.0 billion in the same period last year.

U.S. TRADE WITH CHINA



China: Year to date, exports totaled \$5.9 billion, up 20.6 percent from a year ago, while imports were \$34.8 billion, up 21.8 percent. The trade deficit with China was \$69.4 billion (annual rate), compared with \$56.8 billion a year ago.

U.S. TRADE WITH ASIAN CRISIS COUNTRIES



Asian Financial Crisis Countries (Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand):

Year to date, exports totaled \$21.9 billion, up 24.1 percent from a year ago, while imports were \$39.5 billion, up 21.5 percent. The trade deficit was \$42.2 billion (annual rate), compared with \$35.6 billion a year ago.